he must not be surprised if that Government were in existence five years from that day. His only reply was an incredulous chuckle. Thus our interview ended. My next meeting with him was at San Remo, four years later, when he came to be offered the Governorship of Jerusalem on my recommendation.

Twelve Liberals who held Office, all minor posts, in the first Coalition, accepted Office in the second.

Party representation in the new Ministry

Addison, who had been very helpful as Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Munitions, was made a Minister. He had a great regard. He possessed both breadth and originality of mind.

As to Labour, positions were offered to and accepted by eight members of that Party, as against three in the late Government.

All the Conservative Ministers in the late Administration occupied positions in the new Government, with the exception of Lord Lansdowne. He had for some time been more in sympathy with a peace than with a war offensive, and when the late Government decided that the time had not arrived for negotiation, he felt that his presence inside a Government constituted to prosecute the War with greater vigour was out of place. Moreover, his health was failing and he decided not to come in.

On the other hand there were at least four notable Conservatives who were not in the last Administration,

but who accepted the invitation to join my Govern-
ment. One was Lord Milner. I had been one of
his most vigorous critics during the Boer War, but
that did not prevent his placing his services at the
disposal of the State in a national emergency, although
his old assailant was at the head of the Government.